

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 785

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A RESOLUTION urging the State Fire Marshal to adopt a uniform building construction safety standard for all state building projects.

WHEREAS, the state fire marshal promulgates rules establishing the required minimum standards for fire prevention, fire protection, and building construction safety; and

WHEREAS, the standards may be selected wholly or partially from publications or amended versions of nationally recognized agencies or organizations, such as the International Code Council, Inc., the National Fire Protection Association, Inc., and Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the plethora of building code standards currently in use contributes to a lack of uniformity in building construction safety standards in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, uniformity in such standards would allow architects, builders, and developers to work more efficiently, thereby reducing the cost of construction to businesses, private entities, and the public; and

WHEREAS, uniform codes would simplify and streamline regulations for the construction industry while being protective of the public health, safety, and welfare; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we respectfully urge the State Fire Marshal to adopt a uniform building construction safety standard for all state building projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the State Fire Marshal and to the Honorable Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee.